

Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE):  
Special Initiative Projects (SIP) to Strengthen Marriages and Families

*Special Initiative Projects (SIP) are part of the ongoing activities by HHS to enhance the child support program and improve the financial and emotional well being of children.*

*SIPs are designed to examine new ways to augment child support enforcement services to increase child support collections, promote fatherhood and healthy marriage, and help struggling families take care of their children.*

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PURPOSE:

This SIP, implemented in four pilot sites, is designed to test the "Family Connection in Alabama" curriculum which was developed by Michigan State University. One-hundred and sixty-two participants were involved in this curriculum (50 couples and 112 individuals), the majority of whom were African-American. The final report provides research and data for curriculum designed to strengthen families.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Alabama Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

PROJECT PERIOD: January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

PROJECT FUNDING: \$200,000